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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/803,297	VOGT ET AL.
	Examiner Margaret Einsmann	Art Unit 1751

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/16/2004.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Collins et al., US 5,876,625

Collins et al disclose a composition comprising an oxidatively stable bleach catalyst having the structure of the macrocyclic metal complex of applicant's formula 1 (see abstract). Their preferred compound as disclosed on top of col 3, is the compound 1A which is used in the process claimed by applicant in claim 12.

Regarding claims 3-11 and 13-15, all of the substituents are disclosed in the abstract and col 2.

In examples 26 -30 in columns 24 -26 a composition comprising the oxidant hydrogen peroxide and the inventive compounds of formula 1 and 2 are used to oxidize and decolorize extraneous free flowing dyes released from colored fabrics which are washed in a wash liquor. Thus the transfer of unwanted dyes from one fabric to the other in the wash liquor is prevented as well. The peroxy compounds which may be used with the bleach activator are disclosed in column 8 lines 43-60 and include inorganic and organic compounds containing peroxide linkages: alkali metal perborates as claimed in instant claim 17 and organic peroxides benzoyl and cumene hydroperoxides and peroxyomonosulphates as claimed in claim 18. Regarding the limitation of claim 19, in examples 29 and 30 a fabric that released water soluble dyes into

solution was rinsed with hydrogen peroxide and the catalyst. It is a post dyeing rinse step because the fabric had been dyed before rinsing. The dyed textile is the fabric sample in claims 29 and 30. Since applicant claims a process for removing excess, unfixed dye from dyed textiles using an oxidant as claimed and the catalyst of structures I and/or IA as claimed and patentee is doing the same thing, the reference is anticipatory.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret Einsmann whose telephone number is 571-272-1314. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM -4:30 PM M-W and alternate Fridays. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571-272-1316.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

August 19, 2005


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Primary Examiner
Art Unit 1751